

Excerpts from

## Praying for an Election – A Non-Partisan, Scripture-Based Prayer Guide

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Suggested usage: pray through these prayers in an ongoing way, or pray once a week with friends  
Suggested Scriptures are written here as prayers.



### 7 Areas for Prayer

#### 1. Our Nation and the Issues It Faces

- \* Pray for truth to become valued again in American Society.  
*Lord, please help us to know the truth that will set us free* – John 8:32
- \* Pray that our nation will increasingly see that God is our only refuge amid the troubles of this world.  
*God, You are our refuge and strength. Thank you for being an ever-present help in trouble.* – Ps. 46:1
- \* Ask the Lord to pour out a spirit of repentance on our nation,  
that we might become a nation committed to following His ways.  
*We seek You, Lord. You have promised that we will find you when we seek You with all our heart.* – Jer. 29:13
- \* Pray for our judicial system and lawmakers—that justice for all, tempered by mercy and compassion,  
will guide our nation. *Please guide our judges and lawmakers in administering true justice,  
and showing mercy and compassion.* – Zech. 7:9
- \* Ask the Lord to thwart the efforts of those who would remove religious freedom from our nation.  
*It is for freedom, Jesus, that You have set us free. Help us to stand firm.* – Gal. 5:1

#### 2. The Election Process

- \* Pray for wisdom for voters and a safe and fair election.  
*God, help us to not let wisdom and understanding out of our sight,  
to preserve sound judgment and discretion.* – Prov. 3:21
- \* Ask the Lord to remove those who might try to unjustly and illegally change the outcome of the voting.  
*Father, we ask that you make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line.* – Isa. 28:17
- \* Pray for a huge turnout of voters who use wisdom in their decisions.  
*May we not forget Your words, “Get wisdom and understanding.”* – Prov. 4:5-6

#### 3. Candidates and Leaders

- \* Pray that candidates will take a brave stand for righteousness, even when it may not be well received.  
*May they put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, they will be able  
to stand their ground.* – Eph. 6:13-14
- \* Ask the Lord to surround them with godly advisors.  
*May they understand that fear of You is the beginning of wisdom, that all who follow Your precepts  
have good understanding.* – Ps. 111:10
- \* Pray for the salvation of those who are in leadership of our nation.  
Ask the Lord to remove all envy and selfish ambition.  
*We ask for the removal of envy and selfish ambition along with disorder and evil practices.* – James 3:16

#### 4. The Church

- \* Pray for a spirit of humility in the Church and an outreach toward “the least” among us.  
*May we clothe ourselves with humility toward one another, because You, God, oppose the proud  
but show favor to the humble. Remind us that whatever we do for the least of these,  
we do for You.* – 1 Pet.5:5, Matt. 25:40
- \* Pray that churches in your community will preach the gospel of Christ powerfully.  
*Lord, we are not ashamed of the gospel, the power of God that brings salvation to all who believe.* – Rom. 1:16

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The Church – continued

\* Ask the Lord to help strengthen the call to intensive prayer throughout the Church in the U.S.

*We answer Your call, Father, to continually lift up holy hands in prayer.* – 1 Tim. 2:8, 1 Thess. 5:17

\* Pray for a spirit of courage to rise within the Church, a commitment to endure whatever it takes to see the fulfillment of God's purposes in our nation.

*We seek to be on our guard, to stand firm in the faith, to be courageous and strong.* – 1 Cor. 16:13

\* Pray for a movement of the Spirit that creates a dramatic cultural transformation in the U.S.

*We choose not to conform to the pattern of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, to be able to test and approve Your will, God.* – Rom. 12:2

### 5. Media

\* Pray for truth to be an established standard in our news media.

*Almighty God, "in Your majesty, ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility, and justice. Let Your right hand achieve awesome deeds."* – Ps. 45:4

\* Pray that media bias will be replaced by fairness.

*You, our King, love justice—You have established equity and done what is just and right.* Ps. 99:4

### 6. Spiritual Warfare

\* Ask for great awareness and discernment for the Lord's praying people as they pray over the election.

*Help us, Sovereign Lord, to be careful to live wisely, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Please help us to understand what Your will is.* – Eph. 5:15-17

\* Plead with the Lord for a strong hedge of protection around the nation during this time of decision.

*Lord, may Your unfailing love be with us, even as we put our hope in You.* – Ps. 33:22

### 7. Revival and Spiritual Awakening

\* Pray for another Great Awakening to sweep the nation as the Lord's people learn to humble themselves with a contrite spirit, and to tremble at the Word of the Lord.

*Lord, you have made everything that exists. You look with favor on those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at Your word. Help us to be humble and contrite.* – Is. 66:2

\* Ask the Lord to bring revival to the Church in America.

*O God, would you rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before You! No eye has seen any God besides You, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him.* – Is. 64:1-4

\* Pray for the preachers of America to fearlessly proclaim the Word of God regarding sin and God's love.

*May our pastors be prepared to preach Your word, to correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.* – 1 Tim. 4:1-3

**Prayer Flashpoints** – pray with discernment and strength for:

1. The life of the unborn
2. The nature of marriage and family
3. Religious freedom
4. The U.S. relationship with Israel
5. The growing threat of terrorism
6. Racism and its growing divisiveness
7. Immigration
8. The idolatry of tolerance – and the resulting intolerance for those who disagree with prevailing ideas
9. (add other issues):

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